



10th Anniversary Review: Natural disasters and their long-term impacts on the health of communities

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Abstract:

Long-term health impacts in communities that have experienced natural disasters are often overlooked. Recovery from natural disasters is often a long, drawn-out process. Recovery plans need to address these interruptions in the return to pre-disaster functioning and make provisions for addressing ongoing health problems. The following review will examine illness patterns that may arise, directly or indirectly, in the months and years following a disaster event. The objectives of the review are: (i) to identify the burden of long-term community ill-health following natural disaster events; (ii) to evaluate current gaps in the ongoing process of health monitoring for populations affected by disaster; (iii) to review approaches that would provide ongoing surveillance of physical and psychosocial ill-health.

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Resource Description

Communication: ☒

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

Communication Audience: ☒

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional

Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event

Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: ☒

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

Medical Community Engagement:

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified